

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EAU CLAIRE
STUDENT SENATE RESOLUTION**

IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

1 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (UW-Eau Claire) Student Senate is
2 the official voice of the student body; and

3 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire has committed efforts towards an environment of equity,
4 diversity, and inclusion for members of its campus community; and

5 WHEREAS, all gender identities and sexual orientations that individuals express should
6 be dignified, accepted and honored; and

7 WHEREAS, National Coming Out Day is a civil awareness day observed
8 internationally for LGBTQIAP+ individuals coming out and creating a safe space for the
9 discussion and celebration of LGBTQIAP+ lives; and

10 WHEREAS, the LGBTQIAP+ community is one of the largest population groups on
11 campus with historically marginalized identities; and

12 WHEREAS, UW-Eau Claire is recognized as the #1 school in Wisconsin and #3 in the
13 nation to serve LGBTQIAP+ students and faculty; and

14 WHEREAS, Eau Claire was the third city in Wisconsin to ban conversion therapy; and

15 WHEREAS, the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center (GSRC) partnered with the
16 Department of Housing and Residence Life at UW-Eau Claire to inaugurate a floor specifically
17 for the LGBTQIAP+ community and allies to live, learn and grow together during the 2019-2020
18 academic year; and

19 WHEREAS, the GSRC at UW-Eau Claire hosts annual festivities on National Coming
20 Out Day for students to feel loved and supported; and

21 WHEREAS, celebrating National Coming Out Day on October 11th fosters a safe
22 and welcoming atmosphere for LGBTQIAP+ individuals to express themselves openly and
23 freely;

24 BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, Student Senate at the University of Wisconsin-Eau
25 Claire accepts, stands with, and supports the members of its campus community that identify as
26 LGBTQIAP+; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate at UW-Eau Claire will call upon its
28 administration to support the welcoming of Blugolds that identify within the LGBTQIAP+
29 community; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, UW-Eau Claire will celebrate October 11th as an
31 opportunity to recognize that the choice of coming out is never an isolated occurrence and the
32 process continues to affect the lives of individuals in diverse ways throughout their life; and

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Student Senate supports and commemorates National
34 Coming Out Day; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, it is imperative that UW-Eau Claire continues to
36 publicly support the LGBTQIAP+ community in order to foster a safe and welcoming campus;
37 and

38 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that upon passage of this resolution, President Johnson
39 will transmit a copy to Dr. James Schmidt, Chancellor; Dr. Patricia Kleine, Provost and
40 Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs; Evan Weiher, University Senate; Chris Jorgenson, Director,
41 Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; Teresa O'Halloran, Director, Affirmative Action; Albert
42 Colom, Vice Chancellor, Enrollment Management; Kristin Schumacher, Director, University
43 Centers; Dang Yang, Director, Office of Multicultural Affairs; Demetrius Smith, Program Director
44 of EDI; John Haven III, Vice Chancellor, Finance and Administration; Quincy Chapman,
45 Director, Housing and Residence Life; Deborah Newman, Associate Director, Housing and
46 Residence Life; LaRue Pierce, Dean of Students; Mike Knuth, Integrated Marketing and
47 Communications;

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